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CMS.gov Quick Reference Guide - Completing Annual Certification

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1. Introduction

This guide provides an overview of CMS.gov Annual Certification process within Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM). This document includes step-by-step instructions for Approvers to use to certify the users under their approval authority.

2. Annual Certification

Starting January, 2016 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will enforce the Annual Certification requirement for all applications supported by EIDM.

Annual Certification is the annual recurrence of the role approval process. Role approval is the process used by the Business Owners, their representatives, Authorizers, Help Desks, or other Approvers to grant an application role to a user who is requesting the role.

CMS.gov provides a means to record the Annual Certification actions taken for two types of roles:

- a. **Manually Approved Roles** The original role request requires manual approval by the user who has the appropriate authorizing role.
- b. **Validated Roles** The original role request requires that EIDM compare and validate user provided data to data maintained in a trusted resource (validation check).

When a role fails certification, it is removed from the user's profile.

- a. Manually approved roles can fail certification either because the Approver selected 'Revoke' for the user's role, or because the Approver took no action prior to the Annual Certification due date.
- b. Validated roles can fail because the user provided data does not match the data in the trusted resource on the Annual Certification due date.

The Annual Certification due date is the date that a role is due to be certified. Annual Certification is not a certification of a User Identifier (UID) or a User's Account.

- a. The Annual Certification due date for manually approved roles is one year after the create date for the first certification, and one year after the certification date each year thereafter.
- b. The Annual Certification due date for validated roles is June 1 every year.

The Annual Certification process for any given role is the sole responsibility of the application and their Approvers. This guide explains the Approvers' responsibility with regards to Annual Certification for both the manually and validated roles.

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3. Certifying Manually Approved Roles

Approvers for manually approved roles have the ability to search for, certify, or revoke the roles assigned to the users under their authority any time they choose via the 'Annual Certification' page. However, if they do not take an action by the certification due date, then their users' role(s) will be revoked.

This section lists the step-by-step instructions that an Approver must take to certify or revoke their users' access as part of Annual Certification.

The certification process is initiated with an email notification that is sent to the Approver. The notification email will provide instructions for completing the certification for users under their authority.

Certifying Manually Approved Roles

An Approver for manually approved roles will receive an email notifying them that users under their authority are pending Annual Certification. The initial email will be sent 30 days prior to the certification due date for users requiring manual approval. Reminder emails will continue to be sent to the Approver 15, seven, and one day prior to the certification due date.

Please follow steps 1 to 20 to certify pending users' roles for Annual Certification.

Screenshots

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1.	Review the email notification
	that lists the number of roles
	pending certification. Follow the
	instructions in the email to
	access the "Pending
	Certifications" page to certify
	users' access.

Steps

Note: The roles pending certification requests listed in the email will provide you the number of pending certifications that require your action in the specified number of days.

Email to Approvers - Manual Approval

From: <donotreply@cms.gov>

Date: Fri, Nov 20, 2015 at 4:29 PM

Subject: Action Required: CMS.gov Users' Pending Annual Certification

This is to inform you that some of your users in the < Application Name > Application for which you are responsible are due for Annual Certification of their roles

You have 237 roles pending certification in the next 30 days.

You have 210 roles pending certification in the next 15 days.

You have 203 roles pending certification in the next 7 days

You have 0 roles pending certification in the next 1 day

To review the pending certifications, please do the following

- Login to CMS.gov using the link given below
- Navigate to the page where you approve role requests Select the 'Annual Certification' link.
- In the 'Pending Certification' view select the user for whom you wish to take an action. If you do not find the user in the 'Pending Certification' view, select the 'Search Users' tab to search for the
- 'Certify' the user if you wish to retain the user's role in the application.
- 'Revoke' the user if you wish to remove the user's role in the application. This will be effective immediately.

Note: If you fail to take any action, the users' role(s) will be removed on the certification due date for that

If you are accessing CMS.gov from CMS Net, Go to <CMS NET URL>. If you are accessing CMS.gov from the Internet, Go to Internet URL>

Thank you,

Please do not reply to this system-generated E-mail

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2. Go to https://portal.cms.gov/ and select *Login to CMS Secure Portal*.

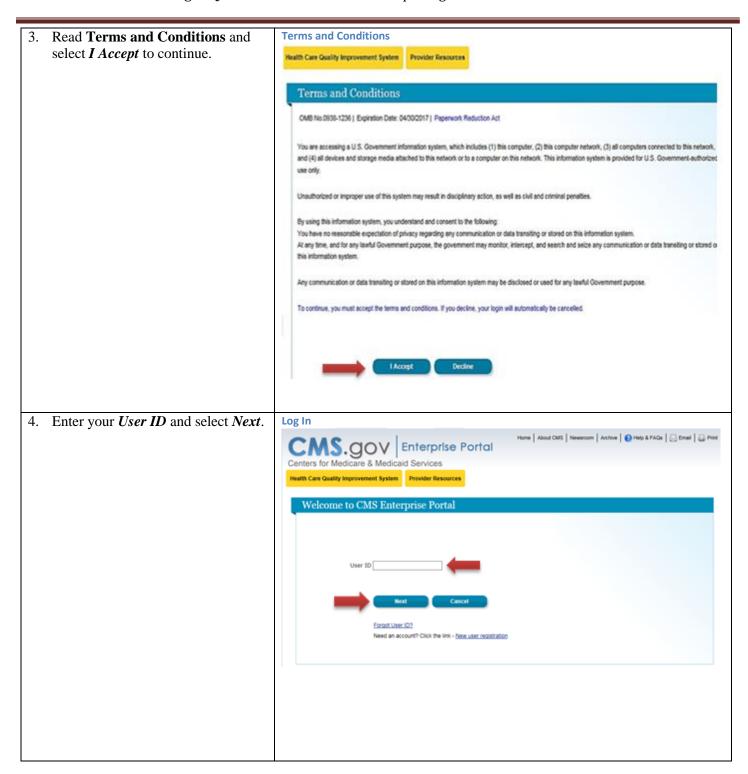
Note: The CMS Enterprise Portal supports the following internet browsers:

- Internet Explorer 8, 9, 10, and 11
- Mozilla-Firefox
- Chrome
- Safari

Enable JavaScript and adjust any zoom features to ensure you are not missing part of the screen because the view is too wide.



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5. Enter your *Password* and select *Log In*.

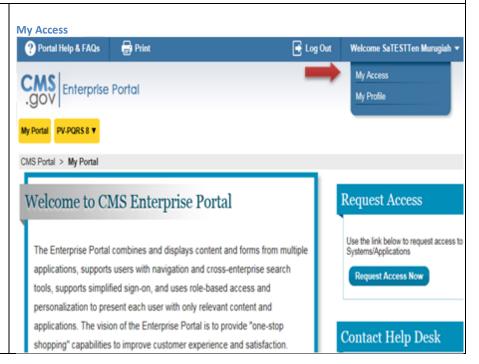


Approvers can access the Annual Certification User Interface (UI) in the same location where they go to approve or reject role requests. Depending on which applications and roles an approver belongs to, the Approver can access this interface via either "My Actions" or "My Access".

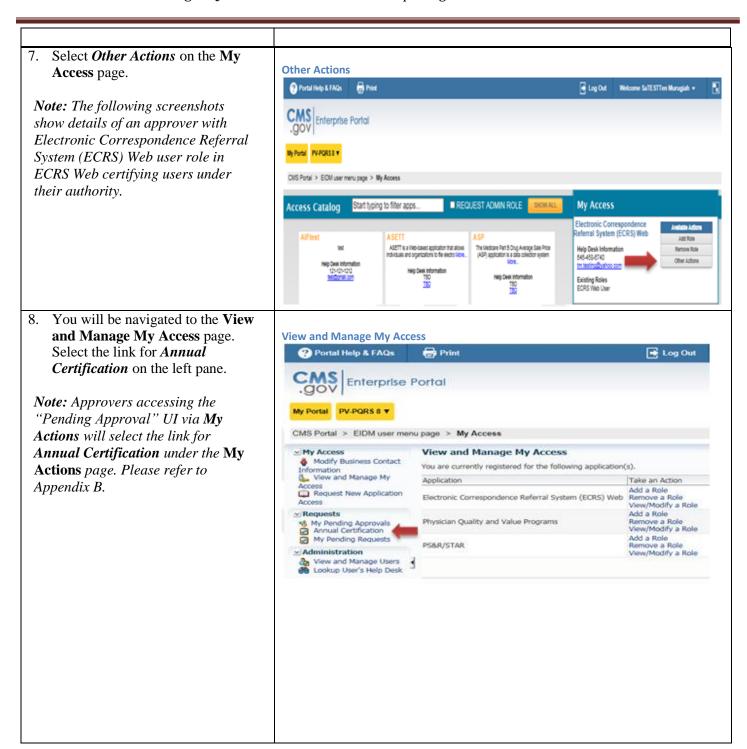
This section includes steps to access the Annual Certification UI via "My Access" page. Refer to the steps listed in Appendix B for accessing this interface via "My Actions" Page. To find out which path an Approver should take to access the Annual Certification UI, refer to the table in Appendix A, which lists the Applications and the method to access this interface.

6. Select *My Access* in the drop down menu at the top right corner of the Welcome screen.

Note: Approvers accessing the "Pending Approvals" UI via My Actions, please refer to Appendix B.



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9. Select users one by one or in bulk (by selecting the *Select All* button) to Certify or Revoke users' roles. Only users whose roles are due for certification within the next 30 days will be shown initially.

You may use the **Search Users** tab to search for users outside the 30 day window or to search for a specific pending certification by UID, User name, etc.

Follow Steps 13 to 19 to search and certify users using the *Search Users* tab.

Note: By default, the Pending Certifications display up to 250 results and are sorted in descending order by the Next Review Date column. The Approver can sort the pending certifications using the fields along the columns.

The system uses pagination when displaying results. The ability to toggle through pages can be utilized by selecting the Up Arrow, Down Arrow, First, Previous, Next, and Last buttons or by entering the desired page number in the Page field.

Use **Results per page** to display up to 30 results per page. By default, it will be set to 15.



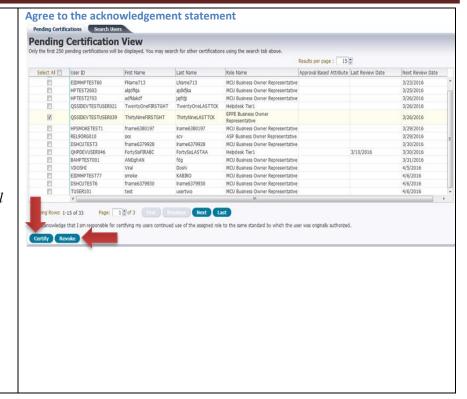
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10. Agree to the acknowledgement statement to certify or revoke the selected user(s). Select *Certify* or *Revoke* to complete the pending user's role certification.

Note: The Certify button approves the annual certification of the user's continued use of a role in your application.

The **Revoke** button removes the user's role from the application. The user will be notified via email when a role is revoked.



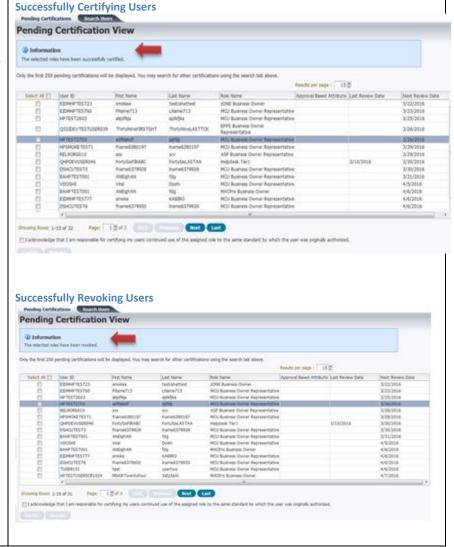
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Certifying Users 11. You will receive a pop-up confirmation message providing the list of users Pending Certification View included for that action. Review the UID, role, and Approver-based information of the pending certifications that are going to certified or revoked. Confirm your action by selecting the OKbutton. Select the *Cancel* button to cancel the action and to return to the Search Users View page. Note: Sample screen shots with the popup message are shown for both Certify and Revoke actions. **Revoking Users** Pending Certification View

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12. You will be navigated to the **Pending**Certification View after certifying or revoking the roles for users under your authority. An informational message will be displayed stating the roles have been Certified or Revoked. If there are additional users' roles to be certified, follow steps 1 to 10 to take action.

Note: The view screen will refresh and the Next Review Date will be updated for users whose roles were certified. The users' roles which were revoked will no longer be included in the Pending Certifications list.



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13	The Approvers' user(s) whose role(s)	
15.	were removed by the Revoke action will	Email notifying user of role removal
	receive an email (a sample of such an	From: donotreply@cms.hhs.gov [mailto: donotreply@cms.hhs.gov]
	email is shown to the right).	Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 2:05 PM
	eman is shown to the right).	To:
	Note:	Subject: Your CMS.gov Application Role has been removed.
	Instructions for users to regain access to	
	the application are provided in the	Dear <first name=""> <last name="">,</last></first>
	email.	The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require that your Role, <role name="">, in the</role>
	The Application Helpdesk contact	<application name=""> Application be approved each year. This email is to notify you that your Application Approver has removed your role.</application>
	information in the email will still refer to	If you wish to regain access to your application please request the role again by logging into the CMS.gov
	the Application in which the user had the	Enterprise Portal at <pre>consists or your application please request the role again by logging into the civis.gov</pre>
	role.	If you need additional assistance contact your <application name=""> Help Desk at <<u>ApplicationHelpdesk</u> email> or call <<u>ApplicationHelpdesk</u> phone number>.</application>
		Thank you,
		CMS.gov
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Approvers can select the *Search Users* tab to search pending certifications for users' roles under their approval authority. Users whose roles are due for certification matching the search criteria will be populated in the search results. The following screenshots provide step-by-step instructions for searching pending certifications and taking action on the search results.

14. Approvers can search for pending role certifications of users' under their approval authority by providing the search criteria on the **Search Users View** page.

Note: The following characters are not allowed in any of the search fields: Asterisk (*), Percentage (%), Double quotation mark ("), Ampersand (&), Cap (^), Less-than sign (<), and Greater-than sign (>).

UID, *First Name*, and *Last Name*: Enter a minimum of 2 characters in the search field.

Application: This is a mandatory field if you are an approver for more than one application. Please select the application. If you are an approver for only one application, the application name will be pre-selected by default and will be grayed out.

Role: This is an optional field and displays the roles within the application which are under your approval authority. If you are an approver for only one role in the application, the role will be pre-selected by default and will be grayed out.

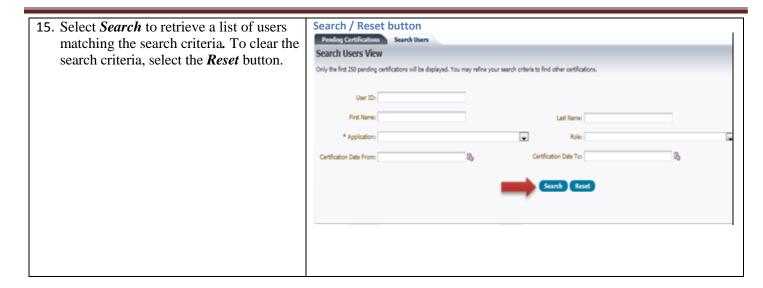
Certification Date From and To:

Enter a date in mm/dd/yyyy format, or select a date to search pending certifications. From date cannot be past 365 days from the current date.



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16. Review the pending certifications that match your search criteria. Select users one by one or in bulk by selecting the *Select All* button to certify or revoke users' role.

Note: By default, the results are sorted by the Next Review Date column. The Approver can sort the search results using the fields along the columns. By default, up to 250 results will be populated. You can see all pending certifications that are due up to the next 365 days.

The system uses pagination when displaying results. The ability to toggle through pages can be utilized by selecting the Up Arrow, Down Arrow, First, Previous, Next, and Last buttons or by entering the desired page number in the Page field.

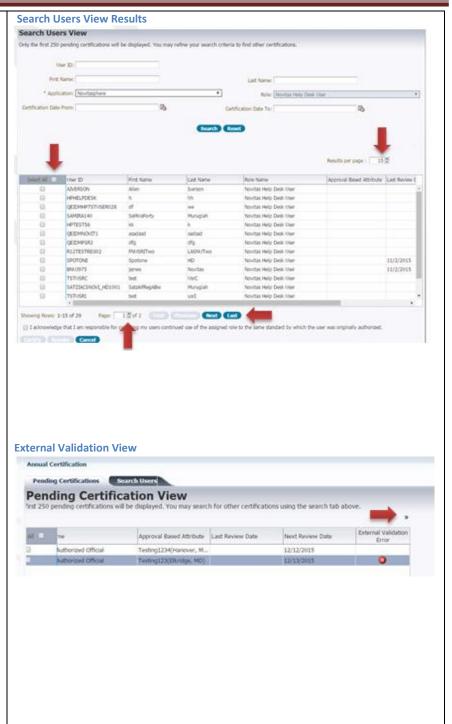
Use the **Results per page** to display up to 30 results per page. By default, it will be set to 15. The following are the different fields that are displayed in the search results:

UID, *First Name*, *Last Name*: *User information of the user who matches the search criteria*

Role Name: User role for the user who matches the search criteria

Approval Based Attribute: The role attribute that is provided by the user at the time of role request and is used to identify the Approver and route the request to that Approver.

Last Review Date: The last date Annual Certification was completed.



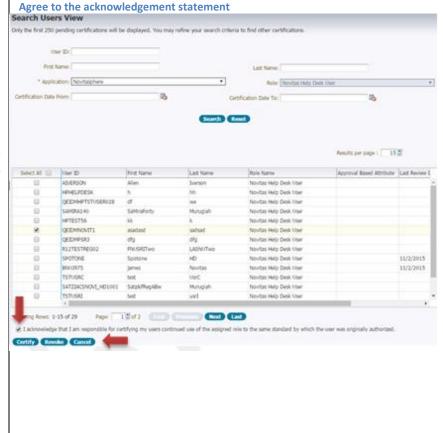
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Next Review Date : The next Annual Certification due date.	
External Validation Error: Only shows for application roles where the original role request required that EIDM compare and validate user-provided data to data maintained in a trusted resource. It will be displayed only when the trusted resource validation fails.	
Select the double arrow in the top right corner to expand the table view to see all populated columns.	

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17. Agree to the acknowledgement statement to Certify or Revoke the selected user(s). Select *Certify* or *Revoke* to complete the pending user's role certification.

Note: The Certify button approves the annual certification of the user's continued use of a role in your application. The Revoke button removes the user's role from the application. The user will be notified via email when a role is revoked. The Cancel button clears the search and navigates the Approver back to the Pending Certification View.



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18. You will receive a pop-up confirmation message providing the list of users included for that action. Review the UIDs, role, and approver-based information of the pending certifications that are going to certified or revoked. Confirm the action by selecting the *OK* button. Select the *Cancel* button to cancel the action and to return to the **Search Users View** page.

Note: Sample screen shots with the popup message are shown for both Certify and Revoke actions.



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19. You will be navigated to the Search Users View after certifying or revoking **Successfully Certifying Users** the roles for users under your authority. An informational message will be Search Users View displayed stating the roles have been Only the first 250 pending certifications will be displayed. You may refine your search criteria to find other certificertified or revoked. If there are Her ID additional users' roles to be certified, or First fume: to start a new search, follow steps 13 to * Application: Novitalphere 16. (Seath (Rest) Results per page : 15 © ADVERSOR Novitas Help Desk Hee HPHELPÓESK Novites Help Desk How QEIOMHPTSTUSERIZE 549094540 Novitas Help Desk Use No-tas HVD Desk Use: RUZTESTREGOZ SPOTONE Novitas Hulp Desk tise BNI.0975 Spyltas Help Desk User 13/2/201 Novitas Help Desk Use SATZSACSNOVE, HOSIORIE Nevitas Help Desk I twe TSTUGAL Novitas Help Desk Haw **Successfully Revoking Users** Information Search Users View User ID: * Application: PS&A/STAR Role: All Roles Results per page : 15 🛱 Approval Based Attribute | Last Revie AVECEE-1 PSSAVSTAR HAS PSAR/STAR Helpford QEIDMHPTSTUSERU26 PSSA/STAR Helpderk PSSA/STAR Helpó PSSA/STAR Helpó

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20. You will receive an email when either the Approver revokes the role access, or when no action is taken by the Annual Certification due date and the system removes the user's role.

Note: Instructions for regaining access to the application are provided in the email.

Email to User - Manually Approved Roles

From: donotreply@cms.hhs.gov [mailto: donotreply@cms.hhs.gov]

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 2:05 PM

To:

Subject: Your CMS.gov Application Role has been removed.

Dear <First Name> <Last Name>,

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require that your Role, <Role Name>, in the <Application Name> Application be approved each year. This email is to notify you that your Application Approver has removed your role.

If you wish to regain access to your application please request the role again by logging into the CMS.gov Enterprise Portal at <portal landing page URL> .

If you need additional assistance contact your <Application Name> Help Desk at <<u>ApplicationHelpdesk</u> email> or call <<u>ApplicationHelpdesk</u> phone number>.

Thank you,

CMS.gov

 ${\it Please do not reply to this system generated E-mail.}$

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4. Validated Roles

This section provides sample email notifications received by the Approver, Business Owner, and End User when validated roles do not pass account validation as part of Annual Certification. Please note that validated roles are certified by the system, and approvers need not take any action in certifying or revoking the roles. The next level Approvers and Business Owner of an application are notified about the users who failed the validation check. Please refer to the Introduction section of this document for an explanation and additional details on this type of certification.

Validated Roles require that EIDM compare and validate user provided data (data provided at the time of role request) against the data maintained in a trusted resource (Validation Check). When Validation Check fails because of the user data not matching data in the trusted resource, an Approver or Business owner will receive an email notification.

Please see steps 21 to 23, to view email notifications for Validated Roles pending Annual Certification.

Punction 21. Approvers who are responsible for users with validated roles will receive the initial email 90 days prior to the Annual Certification due date. This email will include the users and roles which failed the validation check. Reminder emails will continue to be sent if the user(s) did not pass the validation check 60 days, 30 days, seven days, and one day prior to the Annual Certification due date.

Note: If the user's account failed validation check by the certification due date, their role will be removed and the user will be notified by email.

If the user's account passed validation check, then the role passed Annual Certification until the next certification due date. No emails are sent to either users or Approvers in this case. Approvers are responsible for taking action to correct data in the trusted resource by the certification due date.

Sample Email

Email to Approver - Validated Roles

From: "donotreply@cms.gov" <donotreply@cms.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 10:06 AM

n:

To:

Subject: Action Required: Your CMS.gov application users' auto approved roles have failed validation

You are receiving this notification because some of your users for which you are either directly or indirectly responsible for, failed an external data source validation as part of Annual Certification. The user details are attached.

Please ensure that the validation data matches for these users. If no corrective action is taken the user(s) will fail Annual Certification and their role(s) will be removed on the certification due date for that role(s)

Thank you,

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22. Approvers who are responsible for users who have validated role(s) will receive an email informing them of their users' role removal, when a validated role fails Annual Certification due to failing the validation check.

Note: Instructions for regaining access to the application are provided in the email.

Email to Approver - Validated Roles

From: <donotreply@cms.gov>
Date: Fri, Nov 20, 2015 at 4:29 PM

To:

Subject: Your CMS.gov users' roles have been removed.

 $The following \ Users`, for \ whom \ you \ are \ listed \ as \ the \ Business \ Owner \ or \ Approver, have \ failed \ Annual \ Certification \ and \ their \ role(s) \ have \ been \ removed. \ The \ user \ details \ are \ attached.$

Users who wish to regain access to their applications can request the role again by logging into CMS.gov using the link given below and requesting the desired role.

If you are accessing CMS.gov from CMS Net, Go to <<u>CMS NET URL</u>>. If you are accessing CMS.gov from the Internet, Go to <<u>Internet URL</u>>.

Thank you, CMS.gov

Please do not reply to this system generated E-mail.

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23. Users with validated roles who failed Annual Certification will receive an email notifying the user of their role being removed.

Note: Instructions for regaining access to the application are provided in the email.

Email to User - Validated Roles

From: <donotreply@cms.gov>
Date: Fri, Nov 20, 2015 at 4:29 PM

To:

 ${\bf Subject:}\ {\tt Your\ CMS.gov\ Application\ Role\ has\ been\ removed.}$

Dear <First Name> <Last Name>.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require that your Role, <Role Name>, in the <Application Name> Application be approved each year. This email is to notify you that your role has not been approved and has been removed.

If you wish to regain access to your application please request the role again by logging into CMS.gov using the link given below and requesting the desired role.

If you are accessing CMS.gov from CMS Net, Go to <<u>CMS NET URL</u>>. If you are accessing CMS.gov from the Internet, Go to <<u>Internet URL</u>>.

If you need additional assistance contact your Application Name Help Desk at Application Helpdesk emails or <math>Application Helpdesk phone number.

Thank you, CMS.gov

Please do not reply to this system generated E-mail.

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5. Account Review

This section provides a brief overview of the account review process for CMS.gov applications.

Function	Explanation/Sample Email		
24. EIDM automatically performs			
calendar-driven account reviews in	Account Review Ch	art	
March and October, as shown in the	EIDM Checks performed (In order)	Result	Next Step/Action Taken
chart to the right.	Does the account have a role?	Yes	Account review passes. No further action is required.
Note: Refer to Appendix C for an		No	Proceed to the next step.
explanation of the included terms (i.e., locked, inactive, etc.)	Has the account been inactive for less than 180 days?	Yes	Account review passes. No further action is required.
(i.e., tocked, mactive, etc.)		No	Proceed to the next step.
	Has the account been inactive for 180 days or more but less than 360 days?	Yes	Account Review fails. User is notified by Email and may unlock their account in EIDM to regain access.
		No	Proceed to the next step.
	Has the account been inactive for 360 days or more?	Yes	Account Review fails and the account is deleted. The Use is notified by Email and may re-register in EIDM.
5. In the event an account fails review at 180 days, the account will be locked and an email will be sent to the user. Note: Locked users can unlock their account using the selfservice function by answering the challenge questions that they had set up at the time of registration	Email - Account Review 180 Days From: donotreply@cms.gov> Date: Fri, Nov 20, 2015 at 4:29 PM To: Subject: Your CMS.gov Account has been locked. Dear <first name=""> <last name="">, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) periodically review CMS.gov User Accounts for compliance with CMS security policies. Our records indicate that you do not have a role in any CMS.gov Application and you have not logged into CMS.gov for <number days="" inactivity="" of=""> days or more. Due to this, your account, <user id="">, has</user></number></last></first>		
and resetting their password.	been locked. To unlock your Account, please login to CMS.gov using the link given below and follow the on-screen instructions. If you are accessing CMS.gov from CMS Net, Go to < CMS NET URL>. If you are accessing CMS.gov from the Internet, Go to < Internet URL>.		
	Thank you, CMS.gov Please do not reply to this sys	tem generated E-mail.	

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26. In the event that an account fails review at 360 days, the account will be deleted and an email will be sent to the user.

Note: The email will include instructions to regain access to CMS.gov by registering for a new user account.

Email - Account Review 360 Days

From: <donotreply@cms.gov>
Date: Fri, Nov 20, 2015 at 4:29 PM

To:

Subject: Your CMS.gov Account has been deleted.

Dear <First Name> <Last Name>,

 $The \ Centers \ for \ Medicare \ and \ Medicaid \ Services \ (CMS) \ periodically \ review \ CMS, gov \ User \ Accounts \ for \ compliance \ with \ CMS \ security \ policies.$

Our records indicate that you do not have a role in any CMS. gov Application and you have not logged into CMS. gov for <number of days of inactivity> days or more. Due to this, your account, <User ID>, has been dalete.

To regain access to CMS.gov and it's Applications you may register for a new Account by accessing CMS.gov using the link given below and selecting the New User Registration link.

If you are accessing CMS.gov from CMS Net, Go to <<u>CMS NET URL</u>>. If you are accessing CMS.gov from the Intemet, Go to <<u>Internet URL</u>>.

Thank you, CMS.gov

Please do not reply to this system generated E-mail.

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APPENDIX A: Annual Certification Link

Approvers can access the Annual Certification UI in the same location where they go to approve or reject role requests. Depending on which applications and roles an approver belongs to, the Approver can access this interface via either "My Actions" or "My Access". The figure below shows the path an Approver should take to access the interface, depending on the Application(s) in which he/she has approval roles.

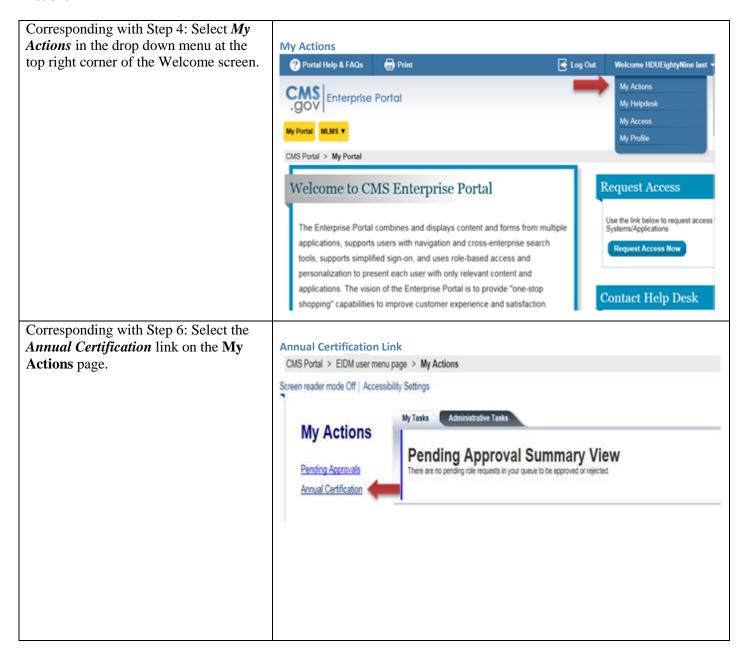
Applications via the 'My Access' page		Applications via the 'My Actions' page	
GENTRAN CSR MDR MED BPX ISV HPG COB VMS Connexion eRPT	CPC ECRS CGS FCSO NSI PSR PVPQRS MAMA UCM ELMO	MLMS ASP EPPE SHIM IDHD ESD	ZONE ASETT MCU OPENPAYMENTS IC MACPRO TMSIS

Figure 1: Approver Certification Link Usage per Application

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APPENDIX B: Accessing Pending Certification Using My Actions Screenshots

This appendix explains the steps that Approvers must take to access the Pending Certifications UI from the "My Actions" link.



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APPENDIX C: Important Terminology

Below are some important terms related to Annual Certification and account reviews:

- Inactive The user has not logged into either their Application or EIDM for 60 days or more.
- Locked The user is prevented from logging in to any application. They may log in to EIDM.
 - o The user's account will be locked following 60 days of inactivity.
 - To unlock an account, the user must log in to EIDM, answer their challenge questions, and reset their password.
- **Deleted** The user's account may no longer be used for any purpose. The user must register again.
 - o Account deletion occurs upon failure of account review when both statements below are true:
 - The user's account does not have a role in any application; and
 - The user's account has been inactive for more than 360 days.